



CODES AND ORDINANCES JOINT COMMITTEE MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, March 20,
2019

The Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 20, at 505 Barton Spring Road, One Texas Center, Room #500, in Austin, Texas.

Commissioner Seeger called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Subcommittee Members in Attendance:

James Schissler
Karen McGraw
Ann Denkler

Patricia Seeger
James Duncan

City Staff in Attendance:

Lyndi Garwood, Planning and Zoning Department
Anne Milne, Planning and Zoning Department
Jerry Rusthoven, Planning and Zoning Department

Others in Attendance:

Leah Bojo
Mary Ingle

CALL TO ORDER

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- a. None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of the December 12, 2018 meeting minutes.

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Commissioner McGraw, seconded by Commissioner Denkler. Vote: 4-0 (Commissioners Kazi, Duncan, Barrera-Ramirez absent).

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Election of Officers: Elect a Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee Vice-Chair.**
(Discussion and/or possible action).

A motion was made to nominate Commissioner Denkler by Commissioner McGraw, seconded by Commissioner Schissler. Vote: 5-0 (Commissioners Kazi, Barrera-Ramirez absent).

4. POTENTIAL CODE AMENDMENTS: Proposed for Discussion and/or Initiation

Potential amendments to the code are offered for discussion and/or possible recommendation for initiation. If initiated, Staff will research the proposal and report back to the subcommittee.

- a. Specific Regulating District Plans Outdoor Entertainment.** Discuss and consider initiation of amendments to Title 25 of the City Code related to the allowance of outdoor entertainment use in Specific Regulating District plans. City Staff: Anne Milne, Planning and Zoning Department, (512) 974-2868, Anne.Milne@austintexas.gov; (Discussion and/or Possible Action).

Anne Milne explained a proposal for a code amendment that would allow outdoor entertainment as a conditional use permit (CUP) instead of a temporary use permit (TUP) as it is allowed today. Currently, many TUPs are required throughout the year to allow for outdoor entertainment activities in ERC, NBG, and TOD districts. The proposed change would allow the use as a CUP for all special regulating districts (SRDs). And site-specific conditions could be added during the CUP process.

A motion was made to postpone the item to a future COJC meeting by Commissioner McGraw, seconded by Commissioner Denkler, with a request for maps to show where the use could be allowed with a CUP. Vote: 4-1 (Commissioner Schissler nay; Commissioners Kazi, Barrera-Ramirez absent).

5. REGULAR AGENDA: Previously Initiated

Previously initiated amendments to the code are offered for discussion and possible recommendation to the full Planning Commission.

- a. North Burnet Gateway Alternative Equivalent Compliance.** Discuss and consider an ordinance amending Title 25 of the City Code related to alternative equivalent compliance in the North Burnet Gateway regulating plan. City Staff: Anne Milne, Planning and Zoning Department, (512) 974-2868, Anne.Milne@austintexas.gov; (Discussion and/or Possible Action).

Postponed without objection to the 4/17/19 COJC meeting.

- b. UNO Height.** Discuss and consider an ordinance amending Title 25 of the City Code to change allowable building height in the Outer West Campus Subdistrict of the University Neighborhood Overlay District. City Staff: Jerry Rusthoven, Planning and Zoning Department, (512) 974-3207, Jerry.Rusthoven@austintexas.gov; (Discussion and/or Possible Action).

Jerry Rusthoven explained a proposed code amendment that would allow a property in the UNO District to have a base height increase from 50 to 65 feet, resulting a max height change from 65 to 80 feet. Commissioners discussed a desire to make any change consistent with comprehensive UNO amendments.

A motion was made to postpone the item to a future COJC special-called meeting by Commissioner McGraw, seconded by Commissioner Denkler. Vote: 5-0 (Commissioners Kazi, Barrera-Ramirez absent).

- c. **Planned Development Area.** Discuss and consider an ordinance amending Title 25 of the City Code to change requirements for PDAs that do not contain industrial uses. City Staff: Jerry Rusthoven, Planning and Zoning Department, (512) 974-3207, Jerry.Rusthoven@austintexas.gov; (Discussion and/or Possible Action).

Jerry Rusthoven explained a potential code amendment that would exempt non-industrial Planned Development Areas (PDA) from the industrially-related standards that are a part of the PDA provisions in the land development code.

A motion was made to recommend the item to Planning Commission by Commissioner Denkler, seconded by Commissioner Schissler. Vote: 5-0 (Commissioners Kazi, Barrera-Ramirez absent).

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. **Update on Potential Upcoming and Current Code Amendments** – City Staff: Greg Dutton, Planning and Zoning Department, 974-3509, Greg.Dutton@austintexas.gov; (Discussion and/or Possible Action).

Greg Dutton discussed current amendments with the Commissioners.

No action taken.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda items will NOT be discussed at the current meeting, but will be offered for initiation, discussion, and/or possible recommendation to the full Planning Commission at a FUTURE meeting.

The item was not discussed and no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Seeger adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:01 p.m.

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For more information on the Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee, please contact Greg Dutton at (512) 974-3509 or at greg.dutton@austintexas.gov